

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on January 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 105, 1/20/2017
SB 129, 1/20/2017

Executive Action on: SB 129: DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 105, Allow Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to join multi-state license compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:33 Judy Bovington, chief council, Department of Labor and Industry
[EXHIBIT\(phs18a01\)](#)

00:08:41 Brian Miller, chairman, Montana Physical Therapy Board of Examiners (MTBOE)
[EXHIBIT\(phs18a02\)](#)

00:11:19 Melissa Shannon, Montana Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs18a03\)](#)

00:11:48 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
00:12:53 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:14 Sen. C. Smith
00:16:42 Mr. Miller, MTBOE
00:16:58 Sen. Small
00:17:23 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:03 Rep. Garner
00:18:48 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON SB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:10 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 129, Require insurance coverage of teledentistry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:11 Dr. Jane Gillette, president, Montana Dental Association (MDA)
00:22:46 Margaret Morgan, Montana Dental Hygienists Association
00:23:20 Aimee Grmoljez, Delta Dental (DD)

00:23:46 Sandy Merdinger, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana
[EXHIBIT](#)(phs18a04)

00:25:32 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:20 Sen. Moore
00:27:58 Ms. Grmoljez, DD
00:28:58 Chair Howard
00:30:15 Ms. Gillette, MDA
00:30:50 Sen. C. Smith
00:32:40 Ms. Grmoljez

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:59 Sen. Caferro

Committee Business:

00:35:01 Chair Howard
00:36:22 Sen. C. Smith
00:36:52 Sen. Caferro
00:37:00 Chair Howard
00:37:06 Sen. Caferro
00:37:14 Sen. C. Smith
00:37:43 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 129

00:37:51 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 129 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:37:55 Chair Howard
00:38:03 Sen. Hinebauch
00:38:18 Sen. Caferro
00:39:41 Sen. C. Smith
00:40:23 Sen. Moore
00:41:20 Sen. Gross
00:41:56 Chair Howard
00:42:07 Sen. Caferro
00:42:26 Chair Howard
00:43:14 Sen. Sands

00:43:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Moore and Sen. Small voting no.

00:44:47 Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs18aad.pdf](#))